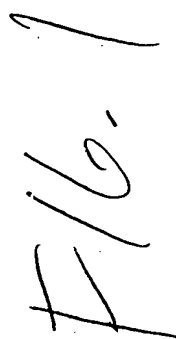
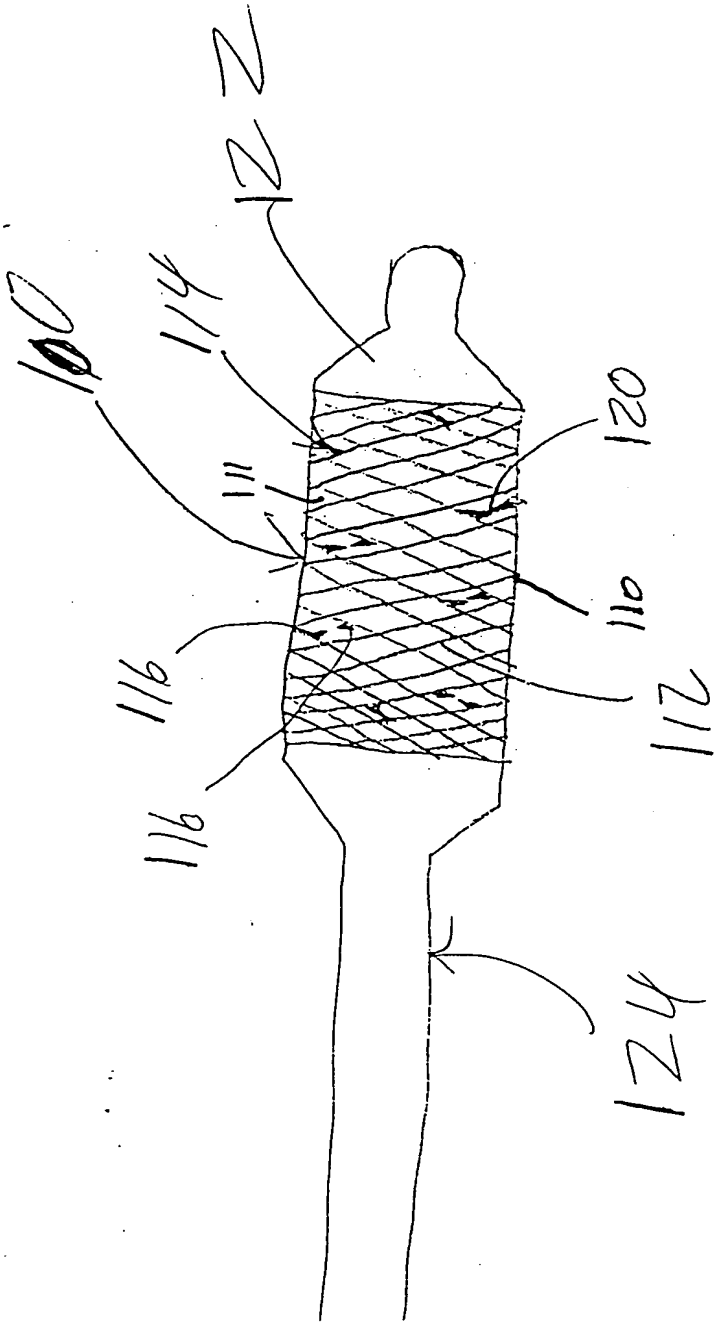


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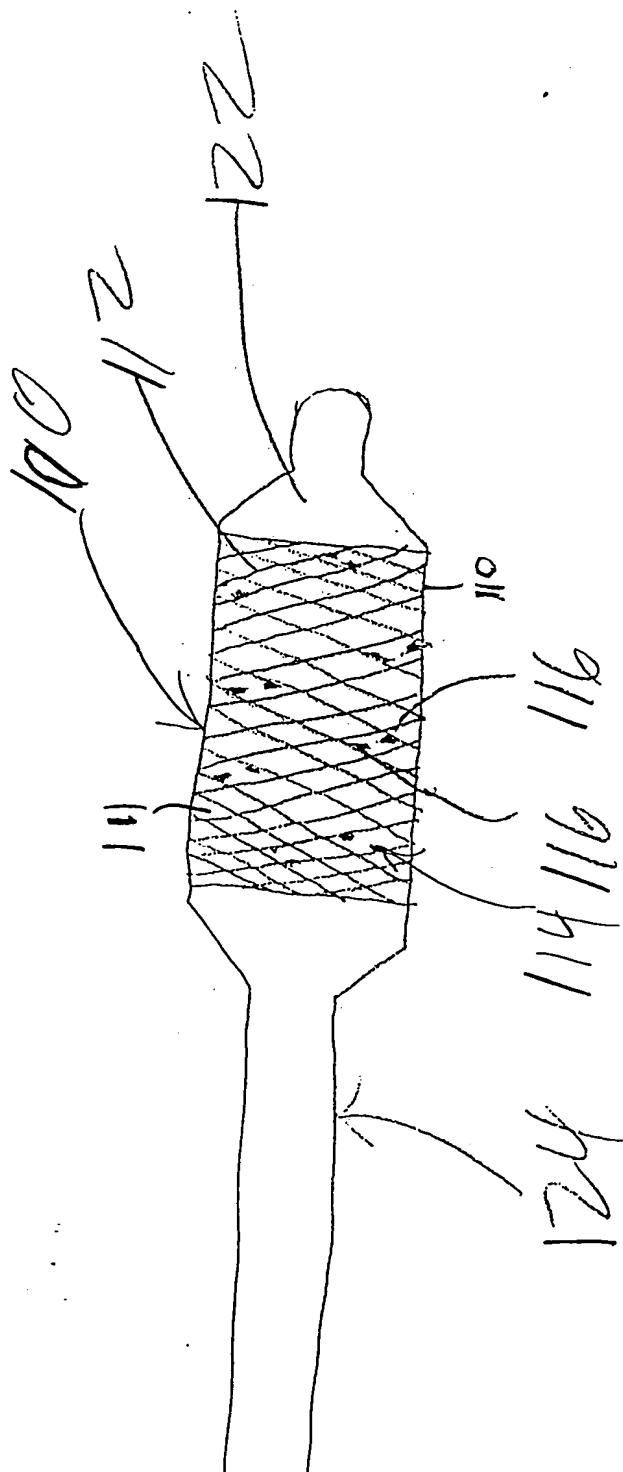
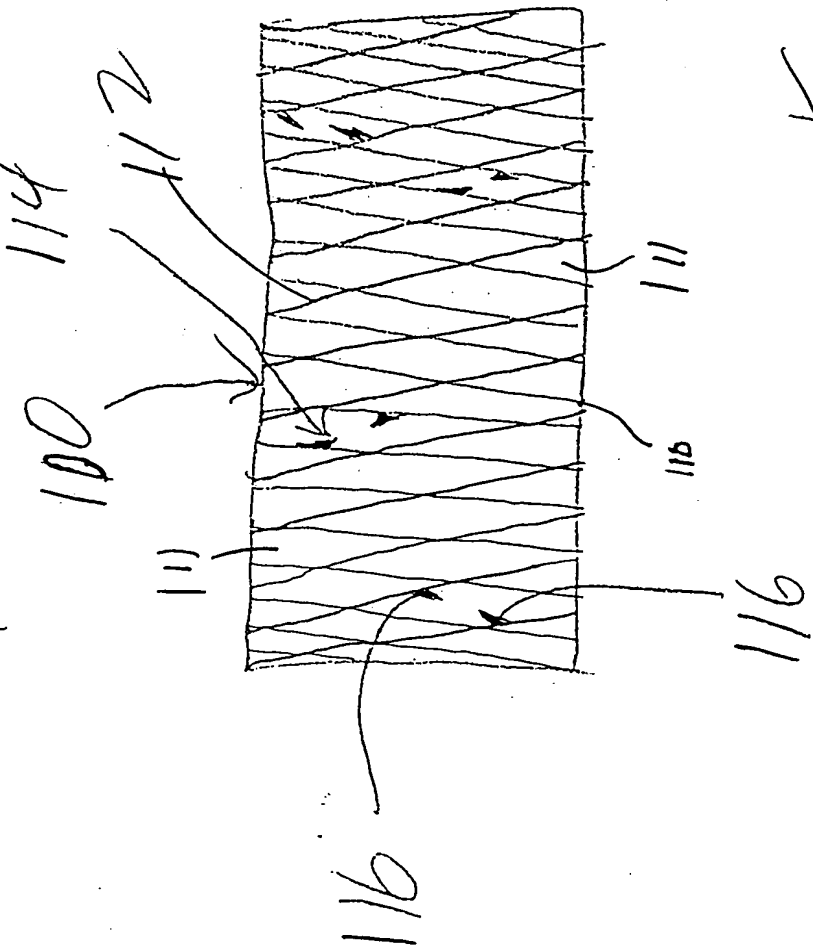


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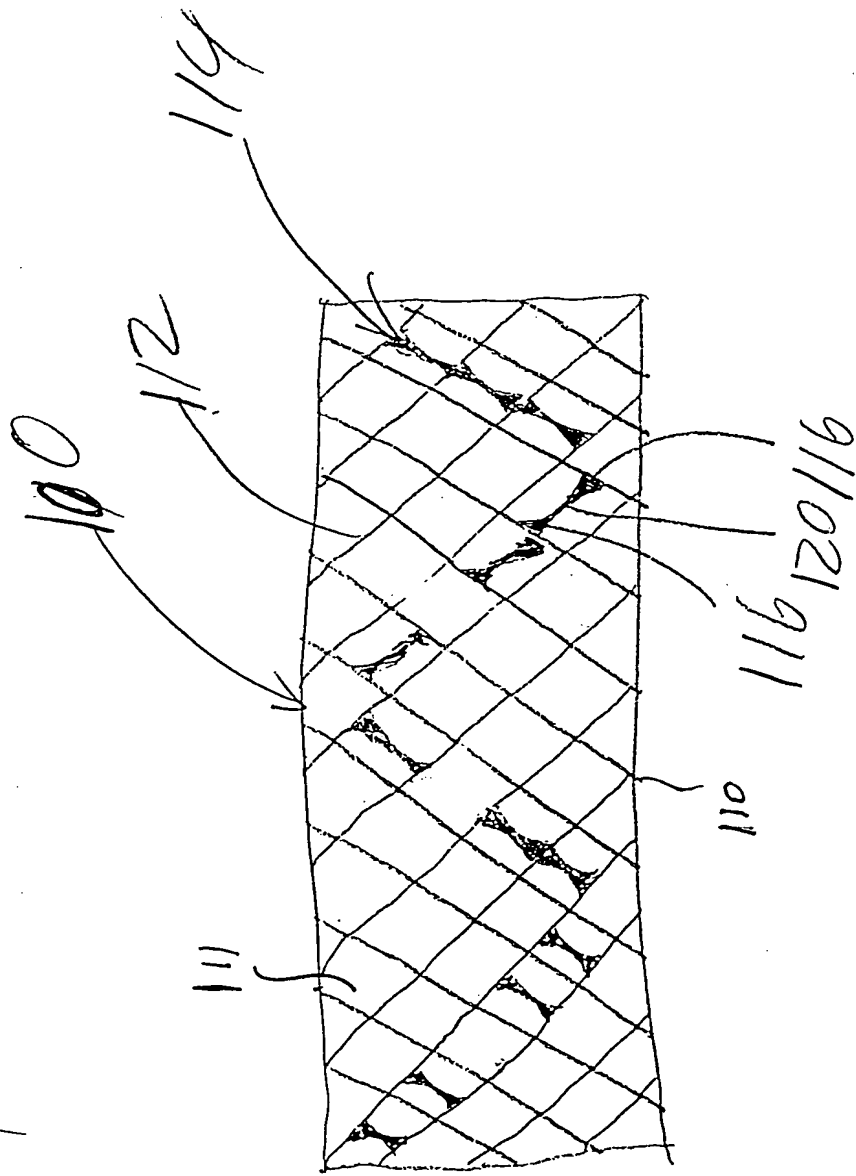
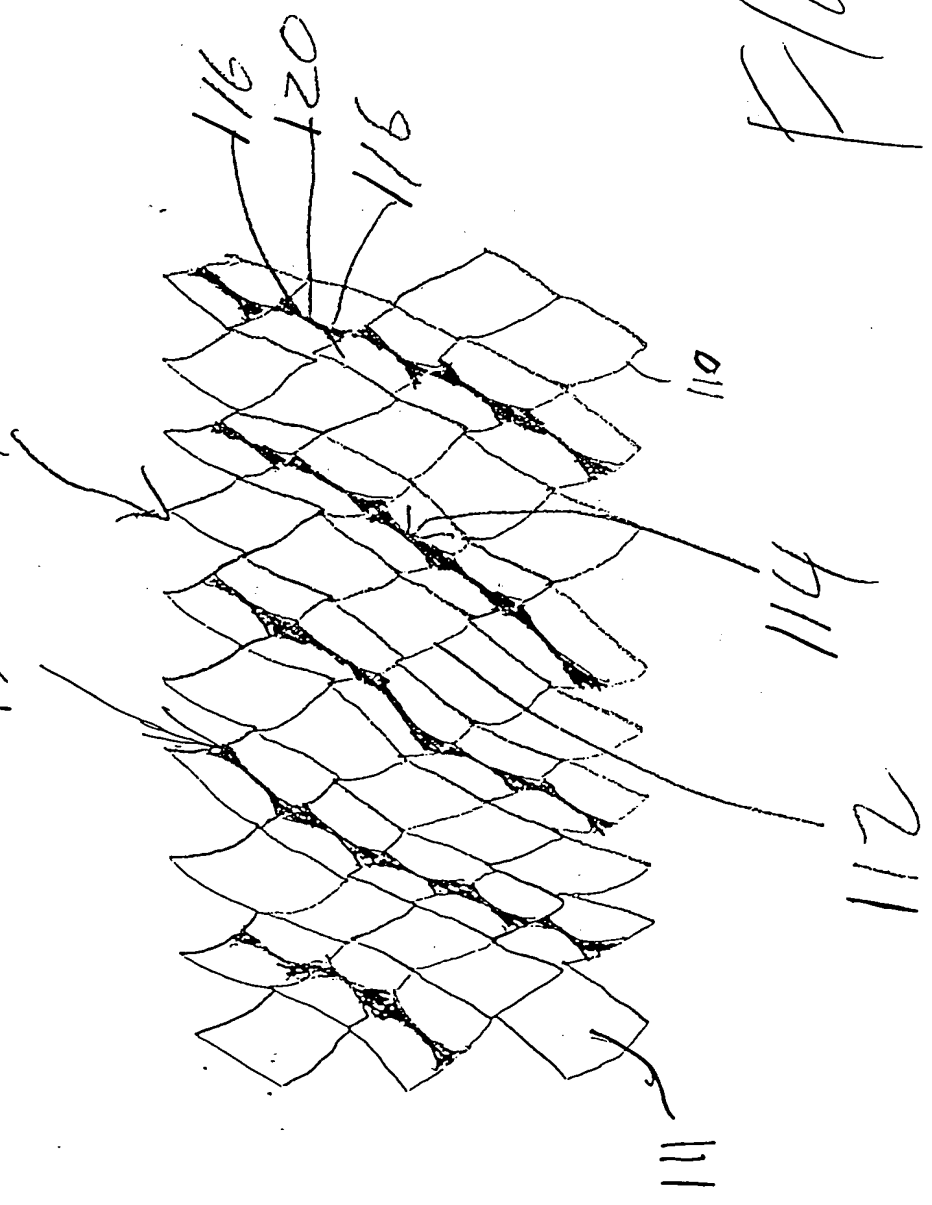


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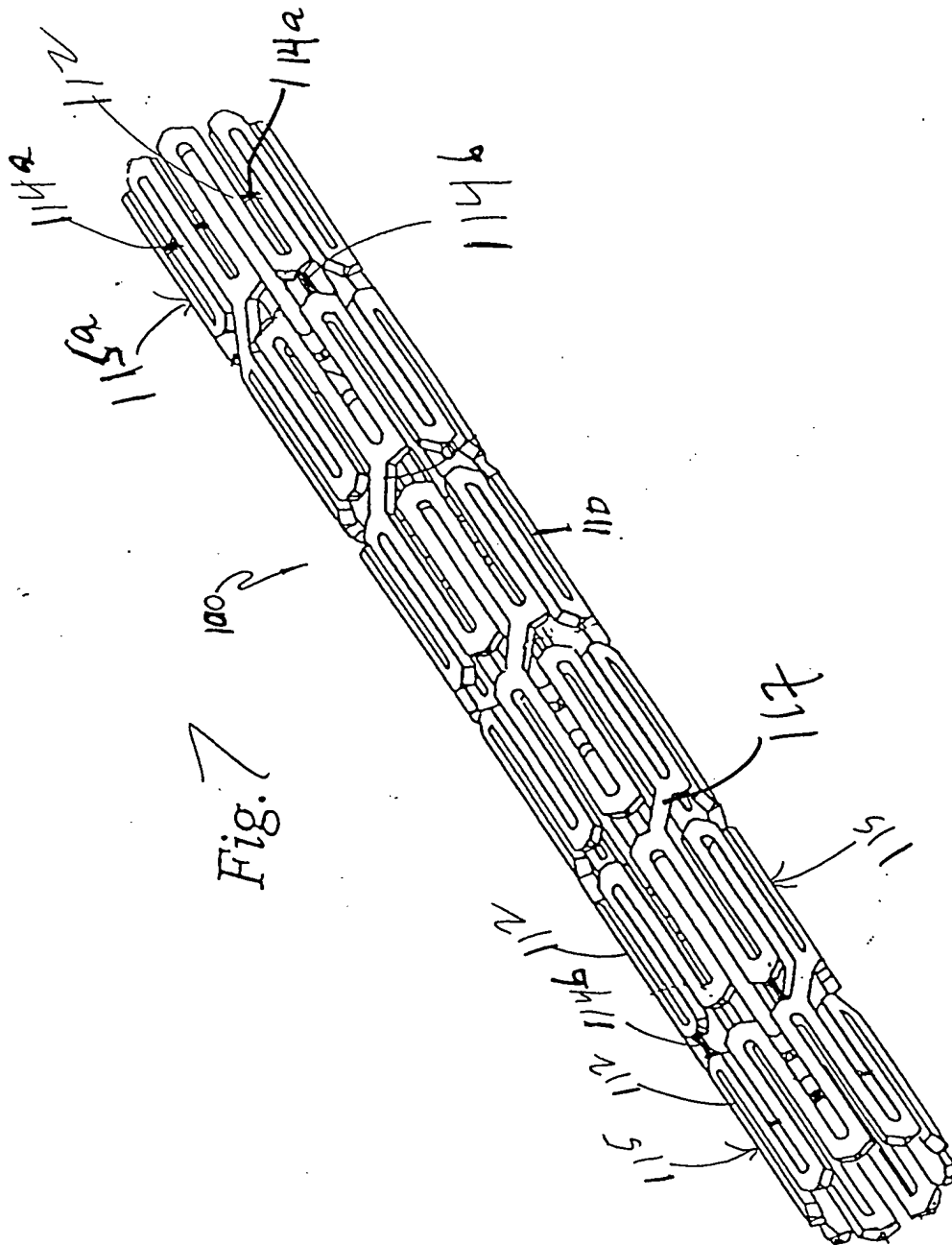
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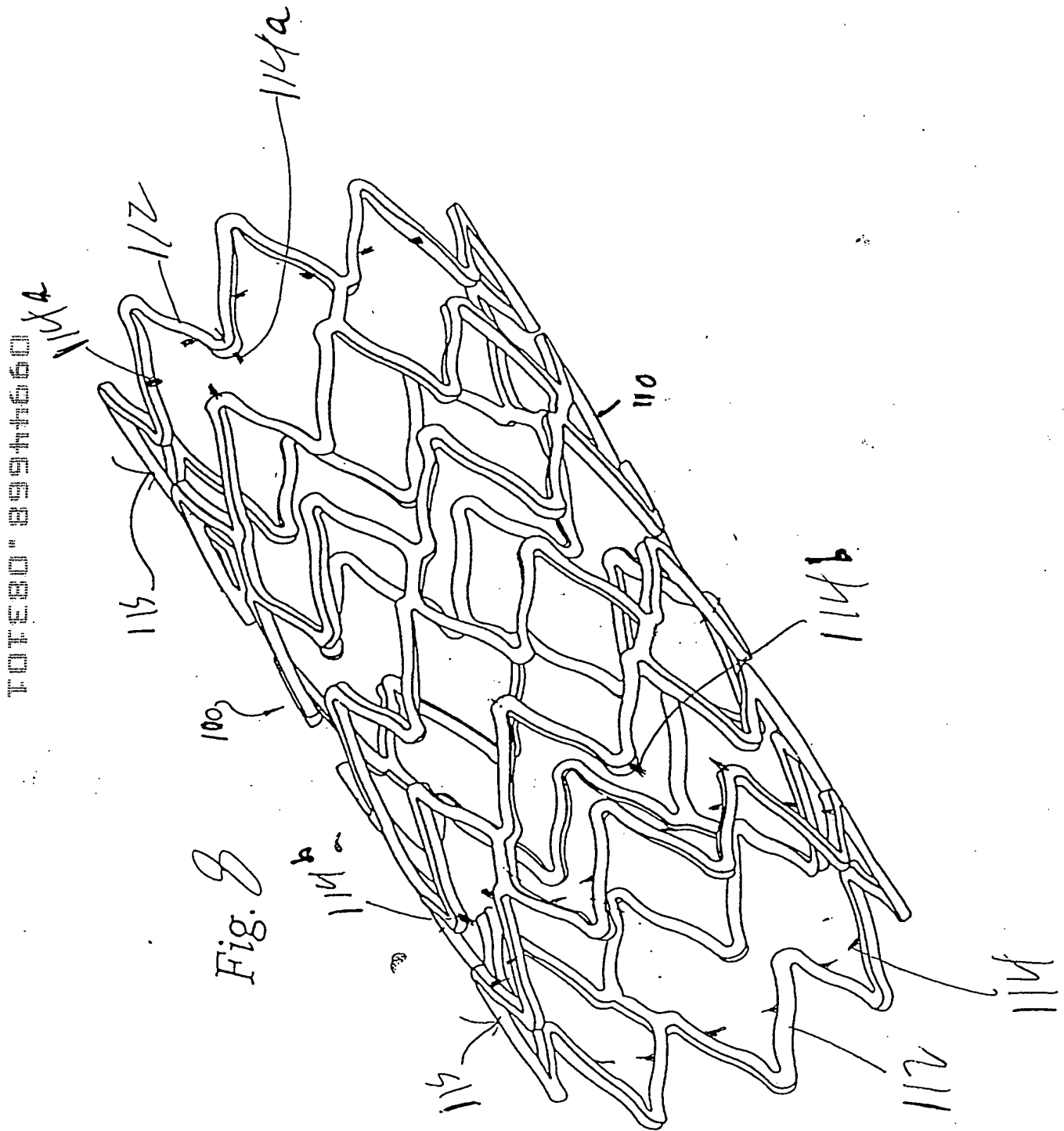
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FIG. 7





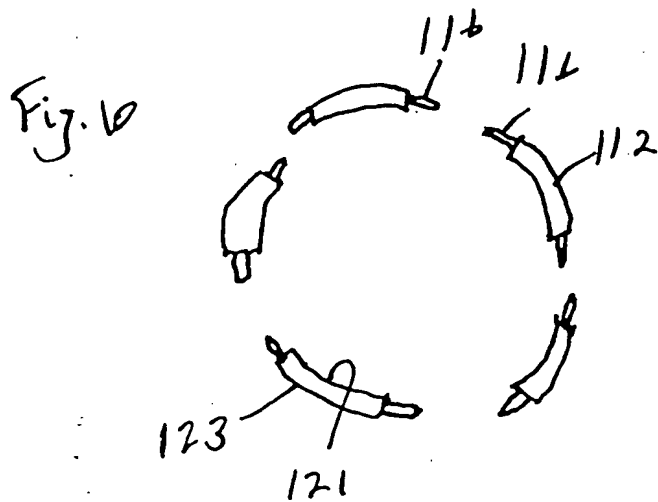
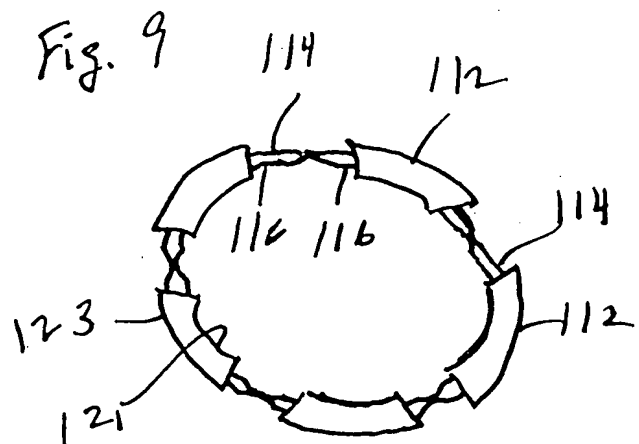
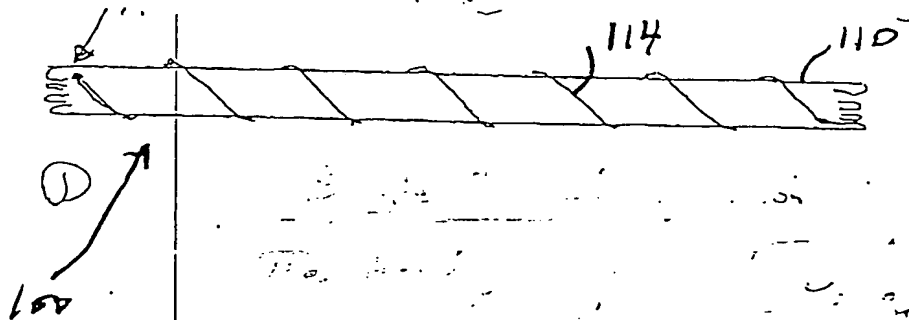


Fig. 11



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The stent is freed to continue expanding until

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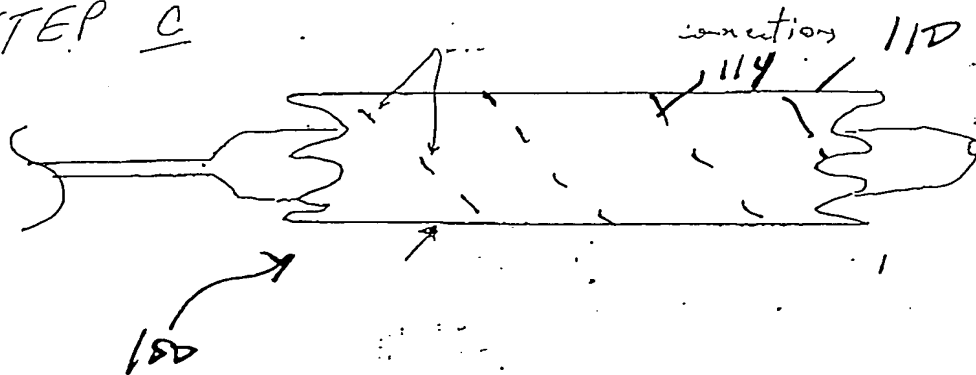


Fig. 12

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Fig. 13

